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[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended August 20, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of August 22:

Week ended August 20.

Buildings reinspected	272
Rooms	2, 022
Persons inspected	2, 661
Sick	19
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	13
Dead examined	6
Necropsies	2
Rats examined bacteriologically	34
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	241
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	13
Blocks covered with Danyz virus	8
Notices sent to abate plumbing nuisance	9
Abated	8
Undergoing abatement	9
Total number plumbing inspections	116

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Report of sanitary work in the Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon McIntosh, as follows:

Week ended August 13, 1904: Number cases smallpox under supervision, 14; previously reported, 14; new cases, 0; houses under quarantine, 3; persons vaccinated, 0; miles of territory covered, 60.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Fever in vicinity of San Diego.

Acting Assistant Surgeon MacGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

SAN DIEGO, TEX., August 9, 1904.

One new case of fever, seen to-day—a child, age 3 years, sick seven days, was brought in from a ranch 12 miles from here. Two other children have been sick with the same fever; one, age 9, died after 18 days' sickness—the other, age 7, is now sick at the ranch. I shall visit the one here to-morrow morning and send you specimen of blood.

Some cases are still prevailing at Alice; no cases that I am cognizant of at either Hebbronville or Realitos.

It has been very warm and raining in San Diego and vicinity.

Conditions at San Diego—Case of fever.

SAN DIEGO, TEX., August 16, 1904.

Conditions are improving fairly in San Diego. One case of spinal meningitis, a child aged 13, brought from the vicinity of Benavides, died here last night.

I saw 1 new case of fever this morning, a Mexican, aged 34, sick with continued fever for 10 days. I shall see him again to-day.

Conditions at Corpus Christi—Malarial fever.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., August 12, 1904.

I arrived in Corpus Christi on the 10th instant. I find that the city authorities are not doing anything to keep up the mosquito campaign, and mosquitoes are abundant.

Yesterday I saw a case of malarial fever, age 4 months, which had arrived from Brownsville August 1, taken sick with chill, fever following on the 8th, since which time the symptoms are clearly malarial, controlled by quinine; temperature 105° on the 11th and 100° on the 12th.

One case arrived here last night from Zarita, on the Brownsville railroad, an engineer, aged 28. He was taken with a severe chill on August 10; pain in the back and whole body; severe headache, vomiting dark, coffee-colored fluid. These symptoms continued until to-day. Temperature, August 11, in the evening, 105.5° ; has had sponging all day with cold water; temperature this evening, 99° ; feels better; tongue, whitish coat, flaccid, not pointed; pulse, 84; eyes, yellowing and congested; skin, yellow; urine, dark, but mixed with feces; was unable to get sample for examination; the case looks like one of pernicious malaria.

Physicians report a number of cases lately that are usually taken with chills, fever, and aching of limbs and back, some cases lasting three or four days, others for as long as two or three weeks.

Cases seen are similar to those that were investigated in Alice and vicinity.

I shall return to San Diego August 13.

Improved conditions at Alice.

AUGUST 17, 1904.

I visited Alice yesterday, and from information furnished by the local physicians I am led to believe that the town is in better condition with regard to sickness and from a sanitary standpoint.

In Corpus Christi I find that there are still many cases of malarial fever and continued fever. The case from Kingville is better; I examined urine and found no albumin, but considerable bile pigments. It is evidently the pernicious type.

The citizens, individually, are doing some antimosquito work, but the city has not so far done anything.

I shall return to San Diego to-morrow morning.

Inspection of ranches—Conditions at Brownsville.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cock reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., August 9, 1904.

Since leaving Hidalgo I have inspected the Closner ranch, an irrigated plantation devoted to sugar cane, bananas, and alfalfa, with a population of 200. Some malarial fever is prevalent, and mosquitoes are abundant.